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5 1. (Twice Amended) An inorganic compound sol comprising  
a dispersion medium having a dielectric constant of from 10 to 85  
and, dispersed therein, inorganic compound particulates having  
average particle size from about 11 to about 30 nm whose surface  
has been modified by an organic compound which is selected from  
the class consisting of vinylsilane compounds, acrylsilane  
compounds, epoxysilane compounds, aminosilane compounds,  $\gamma$ -  
mercaptopropyltrimethoxysilane and  $\gamma$ -chloropropyltrimethoxysilane,  
10 exhibiting a molecular polarizability of from  $2 \times 10^{-40}$  to  $850 \times$   
 $10^{-40} \text{ C}^2\text{m}^2\text{J}^{-1}$ , wherein the inorganic compound particulates are  
composite oxide particulates composed of silica and at least one  
inorganic oxide other than silica.

#### REMARKS

Claims 1 and 4 are pending in the application. Claim 4  
has been canceled. Claim 1 remains in the application.  
Reexamination and reconsideration of the application as amended  
is requested.

The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 112,  
first paragraph. The Examiner maintains that the specification,  
while being enabling for sols wherein the dispersing medium has  
a dielectric constant of 10 to 85, does not reasonably provide  
enablement for all sols having a dispersing medium of unspecified  
dielectric constant or more specifically a dielectric constant of  
less than 10.

Claim 1 has been amended so that the dispersion medium  
has a dielectric constant of from 10 to 85, and so that the  
organic compound is selected from vinylsilane compounds,